

REMARKS

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application. The Office Action dated June 24, 2004 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 3, and 13 have been amended. No new matter has been added with the claim amendments. Claim 10 and 22 have been cancelled. Claims 1-9 and 11-21 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, the Applicants wish to thank Examiner Ojini for taking the time to speak with the Applicants' representatives on August 24, 2004.

The Applicants also wish to thank Examiner Ojini for the indicated allowability of the subject matter in claims 10 and 22.

The Office Action objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), indicating that the "self alignment structures used to self align the rigid plate assembly receivable on the rotatable platen" must be shown in the drawings. The Applicants respectfully submit that this feature is shown, for example, as pin members 21. Therefore, every feature specified in the claims is shown in the drawings and the Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action also rejected claims 1, 3-8, 11-18, 20, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,033,293 to *Crevasse et al.* (hereinafter "*Crevasse*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,398,905 to *Ward* (hereinafter "*Ward*"). The Office Action also rejected claims 2, 9, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Crevasse* in view of *Ward* as applied to claims 1, 3, and 13 as discussed above and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,629,876 to *Park et al.* (hereinafter "*Park*").

During the telephone conference, Examiner Ojini indicated to the Applicants' representatives that the amendments to claims 1, 3, and 13 noted above would place the pending application in a condition of allowance. Accordingly, Examiner Ojini is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner of Patents to charge any fees necessary to complete this filing, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

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